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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Special Correspondence of the COLUMBIAN.

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"HERE WE ARE AGAIN."

As the clown says cheerily when he vaults into the ring. September is here and September having an "r" in it, oysters are again in season. All over the city oyster houses have been put in order for reopening; down at Fulton market the wholesale dealers have been shipping the bivalves in great quantities to the West for the past fortnight, that they may be on hand, in all the cities, on the opening day. The oysters thus sent over the country are opened by the dealers, carefully washed and packed in kegs and barrels. In this way they are sent even as far as California. Of course the handling detracts from their freshness and flavor, and adds to the cost, but in no other way can the citizens of Omaha, or St. Paul or Kalamazoo get his dozen raw. During the busy season, say from August 20 to October 15, some firms in the city open 100,000 oysters a day. The average day's work for an experienced "opener" is 3500, although some exceptionally expert workman will open 5000. These "openers" are paid \$1.00 per 1000.

THE OYSTER CROP AND PRICES.

The dealers say there will not be so large a crop as usual this year, but the quality will be better than last year. The favorite varieties of Blue Points, Shrewsbury and East Rivers are all in excellent condition. Many people have an idea that the largest oysters are the best and call for "saddle rocks" in the belief that they are ordering the best the market affords. This is a great mistake. The small oysters have a finer flavor and are superseding the large ones among epicures. For delicacy of flavor the Blue Points stand at the head. They are grown on the South side of Long Island and will be sold at the beginning of the season at from \$5 to \$6 per barrel and from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per basket, a basket holding about three pecks. Shrewsbury will begin at from \$6 to \$8 per 1000 according to quality. These prices are about \$1. higher than last year. As the season advances prices generally rise. Six years ago no oysters were exported from this country to Europe. The English preferred their "natives" to all others although they have a tough, stringy and coppery taste to one accustomed to the taste of the American oysters. But gradually the American article has been developed and now thousands of barrels are sent out from this port, the small varieties being chosen for that purpose. "Another dozen, waiter, if you please!"

A SHOCKING PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC.

Those who know this city are aware that Nassau Street is one of its narrowest and busiest. The procession never ends there during business hours and by reason of the constant throng of pedestrians who crowd its sidewalks the street-peddlers find it their best market place and so line the curbs with their barrows and still more contract the space for passing teams. In consequence it is tolerably certain that each succeeding horse or vehicle going north or south will tread upon or pass over the identical spot as the preceding one in the same distance. A few days ago the crowd in the street was startled to see a truck horse suddenly bound to one side without any visible cause and greatly to the astonishment of the driver. The momentary surprise of the spectators at the action would quickly have been forgotten if the next horse to pass the same spot had not given a snort and a jump and performed a war dance with his feet that scattered the bystanders in a hurry. The steed started off on a run. It didn't take two minutes to collect a crowd in Nassau Street, if anything unusual happened and when the third horse—a gothic steed who had not had a lively thought of motion for ten years and was only a pedler's beast any way—just pranced and ran as if the Evil one was predding him with a red hot pitchfork. The crowd yelled and cheered and wondered and "guessed there was going to be some fun." By this time it was seen that these unusual antics occurred as the

horses reached a certain spot, and that spot was watched as if it was a lay-out on a faro-bank. It was soon a demonstrable fact that there was some mysterious agency which put Old Nick into every animal that stepped upon a certain place in the pavement and a dozen drivers had their unsuspecting heads nearly jerked off their several necks, as their teams reached the place, while the performances of the horses beat the trained animals of a circus-ring. The police took possession of the place, and after a deal of investigation and theorizing, it was discovered that through a fault in laying the wires for electric lighting the current was being sent like a streak of lightning, through the horses which completed the circuit by stepping on the point of escape for the electric fluid. The break was repaired, but we do not feel quite sure that it will not happen again somewhere else and lift some of us right out of our boots, before we have time to catch hold of the straps.

PATENT MEDICINE MEN.

There is a constant warfare going on against the liquor traffic and temperance works and tracts abound. But there are no remonstrances made against or determined efforts made to suppress the trade in another class of beverages which are mainly compounded of liquors of poor quality flavored with cheap drugs and sold under high sounding remedial names. Three fourths of the patent medicines which are warranted to cure the ills of flesh, and to the virtues of which clergymen frequently give glowing testimonials are vile and dangerous concoctions gotten up to stimulate the palate and excite the blood, and sold at from 300 to 500 per cent of the cost of manufacture. How many children have been drugged to death or imbeciled by nostrums of the nursery, God only knows, and that children are not the only victims was illustrated a few days ago, when a Brooklyn man, driven crazy by extravagant use of some patent medicine cut his child's throat and then leaped from a fourth story window. The advertisements of the medicine were correct in one thing—"That man will never need any other, after using this."

OTHER CONFIDENCE GAMES.

The patent medicine men are not the only ones who get rich from the gullibility of the public. Other kinds of confidence games are being constantly advertised and if victims were not found we should not recognize the same advertisement, month after month. An enterprising dealer in false hair finds that a liberal expenditure of money in advertising "How to be beautiful" with extravagant engravings of painted and powdered, brings him so many customers that he can hardly attend to them and from all over the country come orders and remittances from women who are eager to get hold of the "Secret of Beauty". Another advertiser to disclose the "Secrets from the Harem" and to stimulate the wish to rival the reported fairness of complexion of the Caucasian concubines of the old reprobates of Constantinople, and he gets plenty of customers who seem to believe the atrocious pretenses. A third parades a peculiarly named tea, which, "it is claimed" is replacing Chinese tea in the fashionable saloons of Paris and London, as a preventive of wrinkles and so forth, and the stupid bosh is believed in by enough female lunatics to keep the proprietor in clover as he laughs at the credulity of women when the question of beauty is involved.

SUNDAY THINGS.

A young man named Gorge tried to drown himself in the river this week. He was arrested and brought before the magistrate who sentenced him to the penitentiary for 90 days for trying to get his canoe in this self-inflicted manner. An Irish Canary, formerly a priest has been arrested for not returning a horse and buggy he had hired. That Canary is caged.

The Inspector of police in Brooklyn is said to have off the Inspector of New York police \$100 if he could find a gambling place in the New York city. If he did it was a big game of bluff. Brooklyn is not a little heaven yet and to say no gambling is done there is absurd. The bell-hops have taken to pistols in the summer resorts, probably for the purpose of demanding from the guests, before they leave, every cent left after paying the landlord's first lien. One of the bell-boys at the Argyle, in Babylon was going to shoot the whole household in revenge for being discharged, but was finally disarmed. Hereafter the guests will please speak with respectful deference when they want cold water, or they may get cold lead in place.

WESTPORT, OREG. Sept. 24th, 1882.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—Sir: The wide circulation of your valuable paper has been the cause of many inquiries being directed to the citizens of this place concerning a Mineral Spring, a brief statement of the fact of its existence having appeared in its columns some time ago. As it is a matter of great importance to humanity it is considered a duty to have the following additional facts made public. A correct analysis of the water has not yet been obtained as it contains ingredients unknown to chemical science, but a careful system of experiments has been conducted which has resulted in convincing many that it is in reality the spring of eternal youth sought for in ancient times by Trismegistus and still later by Juan Ponce de Leon, and for one glass of which King David would have cheerfully given his kingdom at the time he was subjected to the allurement of Miss Alishag. Heat or motion causes it to foam. It is slightly bitter, and when drunk, it fills the entire system with strange and delightful sensations. This has led all who have investigated the matter to believe that it is the source of Prot'plasm, or in other words, the true source of life itself. There is no pecuniary object in view, it being intended to make a true gift of this great discovery to the world as soon as the necessary titles can be secured. All inquiries concerning it will be answered by mail or personally by Mr. J. L. Morgan, Timothy Driscoll or any of the leading citizens of Westport. Capt. Bobb of the O. R. & N. Co. is also pursuing investigation, and doubtless will give what information he is in possession of.

I AM A VERY SMART.

The gentleman mentioned in the following extract is the uncle of Major Adams' wife.

Among the many distinguished people who have written to Mr. Beach of Jackson City, favoring the call for a state convention, may be mentioned Mr. JAMES G. YOUNG of Kansas City. Mr. Young has written a glowing and patriotic letter in which he alludes frequently to the "boss" system and occasionally to the camp fires. Mr. Young is recognized as one of the most influential leaders and in leaders of public sentiment in this particular division of the earth's surface. The letter, the public may rest assured, reflected in every respect credit upon Mr. Young's recognized political sagacity and patriotic impulses.—*Kansas City Daily Times.*

JUDGE WATTS of this place, inventor of the lightning baler has received a letter from John H. Sharp of Los Angeles county, from which we clip the following:

"The news that I have to relate to you is very flattering, and we defy you men or press, up there to beat it with two little pig horses as you know they are. And how they started off, and two little men, myself and another small man for one week's run put out seven tons per day. The last five hundred hales averaged ten hales to the ton. How is that for high? I shall want a new press for next season. My press takes the lead in the market this year." Mr. Sharp is running the press recently put in operation in that county by Mr. Watts.—*Albany Messenger.*

It is reported that the N. P. R. R. will have to pay \$150,000 for right of way from Portland to Columbia City, and intend to cross the Columbia River where land is not so high if the people on this side don't come down a little in their price. We should be benefited as much or more than anybody by a railroad on this side but let them suit themselves—we have 130 acres on the other side of the Columbia, so they are bound to help us wherever they go.

Good advice in the matter of Investments or Speculations in Stocks, are worth a great deal. We hear that Messrs. E. de V. Vermon & Co. the correspondents of 400 American papers, send to subscribers, for \$1.00 per quarter, a *Private Financial Letter* of information, concerning the N. Y. Stock market. They are impartial and independent, and ought to be given a fair trial.

New Goods.

Arrived this week a full assortment of newest styles of dress goods including Brocades, Grenadines, Brocatels, Serengetes, Fancy Gingham and monie cloths also American prints, white goods, Ladies' and Misses' hostery in all colors, Lisle-thread gloves, Embroidery &c. &c. at McBride's Store.

LOCAL NEWS.

A huge panther lately attacked McCoy on the plank road in the dusky twilight. It was run through the Johnny Campbell (not the Marquis of Lorne) place, and through the Met F. Hazen place, and chased up the forks of Sly Creek where it disappeared. No late advices of its whereabouts. Only marks a few locks of hair on some bushes by the side of the plank road. McCoy felt the claws on its cheeks, and it seems they didn't feel like Santa Claus either.

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

A large and well assorted stock of men's boots, men's women's, and children's shoes of all kinds carefully selected by Mr. Giltner in San Francisco now arriving and to arrive at McBride's store. Especial care has been taken to get the very best goods in the market.

Messrs. Robert Hutchinson, Woodcock and White found an oyster bed and sardine patch at Enoch's saloon; they drank little, but they ate—Oh God! Nobody's business, they paid for what they devoured and what the Editor did too, and have not filed petitions in bankruptcy either.

There was a dance at Fowler's lately when Swager's trading boat lay opposite; a plank shipped out when some pedestrians were coming from the boat, and certain parties got their nethermost extremities slightly dampened, so says one that was near. It was a cool operation.

Dr. Stewart's dog is unwilling to leave the farm; he goes there and stays till he is starved, and then comes to town to get a square meal. Mrs. Stewart misses the society of her flowers which seemed to her like the company of beautiful intelligent beings.

Engineer White prefers Columbia City for a crossing of the Columbia River to either Sly Creek or just below Reuben Foster's. A ferry boat could be operated with more ease between Columbia City and Maxwell's Point than at any other place.

Mr. J. H. Graves and family have moved to Portland, and Mr. W. H. Young is to run the *Dart House*. Mr. and Mrs. Young are very energetic and pleasant people, and will probably make a success of local keeping in St. Helen.

Abe Near informs us Tide Creek and Minnesota Valley are fast settling up. J. W. Hulson has taken a claim. May we have the stamens to stick to it till he makes it a nice farm.

Miss Harriet McCoy was educated at the celebrated Dechant Seminary in Wheeling, Virginia, where renowned Sister Agnes Gubert was the Teacher of music.

Enoch M. Shintoff has sold out his saloon to J. H. Edmunds of Westport, and it is reported. Enoch has made many warm friends by his square course of dealing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart. Small arrived in St. Helen yesterday en route for the Mechanics' Fair. Mrs. Small still suffers from the effect of her being thrown from a horse.

Jennie Miles remains at Bickleton, and talks of stopping all winter with her sister Mrs. Butler. She is much missed at home they all say, and it must be true.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle met at the Dart House on Tuesday to teach comforters. These comforters were not men but sacks stuffed with cotton.

Mr. Hancock will not move his family to their new home on the Cowlitz till the Cowlitz river rises so the steamers can run up that far.

O. T. L. Creek one of the settlers has a wife who weighs 289 lbs. We should wish to stand from under, if she was likely to fall on us.

They say there is a land boom in St. Helen. All the boom we see is Muckle boom, which will soon go kiting if not booming.

S. F. Howe, Druggist, will be at St. Helen the *First Monday* in each month, and remain *Two Days*, unless by special agreement to remain longer.

Why if the United States had a war with Great Britain would she be like a drunkard? Bound to lick her (liquor), of course.

Mrs. N. Morse's present from her brother, Dr. James McBride consisted of the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

NEWS DROPS.

Mr. Harvey is again come from Cowell.

Daniel Slaven has recovered his health.

Judge Pope intends to move soon to Portland.

E. G. Perry has not yet returned from the Ho pit.

Mrs. Giltner has been quite sick, but is on the mend.

S. D. Morrison has dug a new well on his home farm.

J. Alexander is hauling lumber for some dam purpose.

Mrs. Dunn intends to spend the winter in Los Angeles.

Charlie Hancock has bought the fruit on Mr. Divine's place.

God-fathers are plenty in St. Helen if all reports are true.

Isaac Copeland has gone to attend the College at Monmouth.

W. A. Copeland and wife are running Joseph Copeland's dairy.

Mrs. Kate Fox expects to visit St. Helen from Nevada soon.

Mrs. Ellen Perry is helping Mr. and Mrs. Young in their hotel.

Mrs. Meritt Pomeroy and family have been visiting in St. Helen.

Mr. Dixon has struck out, and left enquiring friends to mourn.

Mr. Semple has a big contract of shingles for the Waila Waila region.

H. C. M. Lean has some fine mosses from Wyoming Territory.

Mr. W. H. Whitney has been appointed Notary Public by Gov. Moody.

Judge Moore intends to send 50 more hogs on his ranch on the Scappoose.

Abe Near found \$300 going round a horn near Enoch Shintoff's saloon.

Mrs. Winslow has come in from St. Helen, and will soon visit her ranch.

Captain Rockwell and interesting family have lately visited St. Helen.

What kind of "weemen" do they have on the Cowlitz? Cowmen, of course.

Newton and Minnie Perry are the sharpest and quickest scholars in this vicinity.

Capt. Henderson has sold his horses and will engage in pile-driving at Astoria.

Mr. Bedford has got for his habitation a little scow on the strand in front of St. Helen.

George Kelly will soon move on the old John Lumberson place on the Scappoose.

N. L. Grey has a new fence in front of his mansion, and has widened the street.

Mr. Kunkle has put a door in the end of his house next the street, which is a door-able.

Columbia County is entitled to a scholarship in the State Normal School at Corvallis.

Joseph Copeland has sold James Dart 80 acres of the Stoughton Place on the Scappoose.

Judge Moore has returned from a 3-week tour. He says it is the most flourishing town in W. T.

The cars will soon start from Albina, and any one can go all the way by rail to Bonneville.

The weather is splendid for getting in wild hay, so there will be no lack of feed of man and beast.

W. H. Mickle has bought some school land as well as C. Myers and Watkins for a country residence.

Rev. Mr. Hubbard's discourses were repeated with thought, and greatly interested his audience.

Rev. Mr. Reese will preach at Scappoose next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at St. Helen at 7 p. m.

Mr. E. E. Quick, County School Superintendent, informs us there is a great rush for school land.

Francis Miles has gone to Forest Grove to attend School there; he and his father left on Wednesday.

Mr. S. G. Gaulle has returned from a surveying tour in Cowlitz Co. and again, this time to Lewis River.

A Mr. Mathews has moved into St. Helen from Nehalem, and lives in the Tom Elrington Saloon Building.

The N. P. R. R. is putting in many improvements in the way of wharves &c. at Kalama, so Abe Near informs us.

Very interesting letters from B. M. Watts and D. F. Fox unavoidably crowded out. Will appear next week.

William Copeland reports it is cold enough east of the Mountains in Winter to freeze the knob on the North Pole.

Mr. George Hancock has returned from the Cowlitz. He has built his house, and fixed it enough to move into.

Many St. Helenites are going to the Mechanics' Fair today; hope they will take prizes for their beauty, intelligence &c.

Enoch Shintoff has brought out Mrs. Parker, so now he has the whole estate of the Knight heirs in the town of St. Helen.

Mr. A. H. Blakesley and two younger sons have started to visit Corvallis. We wish them a pleasant trip and safe return.

Mr. Conyers, County Clerk has bought 80 acres of School Land near Judge Pope, and Mr. Watkins, Muckles' Clerk 40 acres.

F. W. Ridley, son of Captain Ridley came in on the *Queen of the Pacific*. He is building the fence around N. L. Grey's residence.

Miss Flora Archibald intends to complete her education in Portland, after which Prof. Neer hopes to take her under his tuition.



The lastest scientific discovery shows that most diseases are caused by diseased kidneys or liver. If, therefore, the kidneys and liver are kept in perfect order, perfect health will be the result. This truth has only been known a short time and for years people suffered great agony without being able to find relief. The discovery of Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure marks a new era in the treatment of these troubles. Made from a simple tropical leaf of rare value, it contains just the elements necessary to nourish and invigorate both of these great organs, and safely restore and keep them in order. It is a POSITIVE REMEDY for all the diseases that cause pain in the back, pain of the body, for Puril Liver—Headaches—Jaundice—Hematuria—Gravel—Fever, Ague—Malarial Fever, and all diseases of the kidneys, liver and urinary organs. It is an excellent and safe remedy for females during pregnancy. It will control Menstruation and is invaluable for Leucorrhoea or Falling of the Womb. As a Blood Purifier it is unequalled, for it cures the organs that make the blood. This remedy, which has done such wonders, is put up in the LARGEST SIZED BOTTLE of any medicine upon the market, and is sold by Druggists all over the world at \$1.25 per bottle. For Diabetes enquire for WARNER'S SAFE DIABETES CURE. It is a POSITIVE REMEDY. H. H. WARNER & CO. New York, N. Y.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Sept. 27, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helen, Oregon, on Monday, Nov. 6, 1882, viz: George Hayes, Homestead Entry No. 2407 for 80 a. s. w. 1/4, 3/4 s. w. 1/4, all in sec. 4, T. 7 N. R. 5 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: C. H. Jones, Walter Jones and N. Tingle of Braintree, and L. A. Jones of Clatsop Co., all of Columbia County, Oregon. L. T. BARIN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Sept. 25, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helen, Oregon, on Monday, Oct. 30, 1882, viz: John Vea-sey, Pre. D. S. No. 3338 for the s. 1/4 of s. 2 & 3, T. 8 N. R. 5 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: James Cain, and Ed. Mullory of Bradbury, Columbia Co., Oregon, and James Gail and L. William Kallum of Oak Grove, Clatsop Co., W. T. L. T. BARIN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Sept. 21, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helen, Oregon, on Saturday, Oct. 28, 1882, viz: Marshall E. Morgan, Pre. D. S. No. 3369 for the s. 1/4 of s. 2 & 3, T. 8 N. R. 5 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: J. L. Morgan, James A. Morgan, John Adams and E. W. Morgan, all of Westport, Clatsop County, Oregon. L. T. BARIN, Register.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Aug. 29, 1882. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helen, Oregon, on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1882, viz: John Vea-sey, Pre. D. S. No. 3637 for the s. 2 & 3 of Sec. 8, T. 7 N. R. 5 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry White, George W. Sherry, Sidney J. Wood and John Cyr, all of Westport, Clatsop County, Oregon. L. T. BARIN, Register.